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THE MARYLAND FARMER SUSTAINED.

It pleases us to know that the State Temperance Alliance, last week, after reading the account in the Maryland Farmer of the action of the Board of Managers of the Baltimore County Agricultural Society, adopted our views without hesitation and formulated them in a strong resolution, which was passed unanimously by that large and influential body of citizens. We give the resolution to our readers as follows:

"That we have no words with which to voice our indignant protest against the recent action of the board of managers of the Baltimore county fair recommending the secretary to contract for liquor privileges, pool-selling, wheels of fortune, etc., as being calculated to produce income.

That such action should be taken with but one dissenting voice is truly alarming, and may be regarded as the first baleful fruits of our recent high-license-for-revenue discussions. We urge the people of Baltimore county and city to protest against this action, and if the managers do not recede from this position, we pledge ourselves to withhold our patronage and do all we can to rebuke this outrageous insult to a Christian Community."

The above was heartily seconded by the officers of the Alliance distributing several hundred copies of the Maryland Farmer extra, containing our last weeks' account and condemnation of the proposals of the Fair managers.

We propose to distribute thousands of these Extras throughout the State and especially in Baltimore County, and we desire those interested to send us the names of earnest wide awake farmers who

care for the welfare of their homes, to whom we may send.

Let the Board of Managers at their next meeting, May, 21, begin to realize the important mistake they have made. We give below the names and address of the Board of Managers, and hope the friends of temperance and good order will address them with postal cards or letters requesting them to reverse their previous action.

If these things are reversed, then let the friends show their willingness to work heartily to make the fair truly successful in every respect. But if the managers insist upon their present unwise course, then let us resolve that we will leave no stone unturned to keep every honest, respectable person away from Timonium next September.

If they put in their strongest invitations for the patronage of gamblers and drunkards, let decent people give it a wide birth. If they would have a class of law abiding, sober, industrious citizens there, every one will give them a hearty support.

The following are the members of the Board of Managers:

D. M. Matthews, Dulaney's Valley, Md.
President.

W. S. Powell, Mt. Washington. *Treas'r.*
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Wm. B. Cockey, Pikesville.
Jno. C. Bosley, Shawan.
Wm. Fell Johnson, Brooklandville.
W. Jeff. Shanklin, Lock Raven.
H. C. Longnecker, Towson. *Sec'y.*

The Towson Legion has passed stirring resolutions endorsing the position of the

Maryland Farmer as to the County Fair.

Still it works.—*Ed. M. F.*

The directors of the Baltimore County Agricultural Society have instructed their Secretary to contract for the privilege on the fair grounds of selling liquor, pool-selling, wheels of fortune, &c. This may add to the receipts of the fair but it is not likely to improve the morals of the rising generation who attend it.—*Belair Aegis.*

The following resolutions in reference to the action of the Managers of the Baltimore County Agricultural Society are published:

“*Resolved*, By the Quarterly Conference of Hereford Circuit M. E. Church, that we hereby express our disapprobation and unfeigned condemnation of said action, and urge the Christian and moral sentiment of the county, and especially of our Circuit, to withdraw their sympathy and support from the society.

“*Resolved*, That we request all religious and other bodies to take similar action.”

We hope each individual church in Baltimore County will adopt similar resolutions until the action is rescinded.—*Ed. M. F.*

The thousands of extras of the Maryland Farmer distributed through Baltimore County are having their effect. We are pleased to take the following from the *Baltimore Sun*:

OPPOSED TO LIQUOR AND POOL-SELLING.

The action of the board of directors of the Baltimore County Agricultural Society in favor of selling liquor and permitting pool-selling at the county fair to be held at Timonium the coming fall is being vigorously criticised by the farmers of the county. At a meeting last Saturday of the Senior Gunpowder Agricultural Club, of which Col. Franklin Edward Austen,

Samuel M. Price, L. M. Bacon and John Crowther, Jr., cashier of Towson Bank, are members, a resolution was passed condemning such action of the county fair directors, and declaring that the fair had better be closed than supported by such means.

MORE ABOUT THE FAIR.

Editor of Md. Farmer :

Your remarks in your last issue regarding the resolution of the Managers of the Baltimore County Fair will surely meet the approval of your readers, especially of those who are not drunkards or supporters of such immoral practices as they propose to license.

If Fairs intended to promote the interests of the farmer cannot be made to pay without licensing such cut-throat rascals as are usually found running pool-shops, wheels of fortune, sweat tables, thimble riggers, and other illegal and thievish games to rob the unsuspecting, young and old, the sooner they are stopped the better.

Horse-racing is bad enough ; but when a board of managers sets law, honesty, morality aside and permits a low, degraded set of whisky shops, gambling hells and pool shops to occupy the ground for the sake of the money they are willing to pay for it, I hope the officers whose duty it is to enforce the law, at the first turn of the wheel, or the bet on the sweat table, or any other gambling device, will arrest the party and have committed for trial.

No board of managers have any moral or legal right to grant such privileges, and thereby prove virtually an indirect agent of rascality ; for that is the mildest term to apply to parties usually found running these stands and robbing the ignorant.

If the thousands of dollars spent in giving big premiums for horse-racing—while paper certificates are all that can be

offered for valuable farming implements—were stopped, it would not need the money they hope to raise by licensing the free sale of rum and gambling in all its hideous forms. It is to be hoped if these are granted no respectable man or woman will visit the Fair. It will be the moral and legal duty of the county officers to arrest every violator of the law the first moment of its violation, notwithstanding the sanction of it by the board of managers.

With equal respect for the law they could license a disreputable house to be run by lewd women, secret vulgar exhibitions and many other such places as are run by the same class of characters as run pool-rooms, policy-shops, faro-tables, selling ten dollar notes for ten or twenty cents, etc., etc.

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GOOD SEED.

A vast difference is between the poorest and the best seed. No matter what crop you are growing the best seed is what you want. You may pay 50 cts., or \$1.00 more for your seed on the acre; but at the end of the season, with no more expenditure of labor, perhaps with less labor, the income is from \$10 to \$20 better. This alone will often decide the matter of the success or failure of a crop; and doing this, tell your neighbors whether you are a real farmer or only a machine to go over the land. Brains must work as well as the body. Both are necessary; but let brains be on top.

"WITHOUT SENTIMENT."

These are words used in the report recommending the sale of liquor privileges,

pools, wheels of fortunes, etc., on the Baltimore County Fair Grounds.

We wish to know what the committee mean by these words? Do they mean that those who want the Fair conducted with reasonable regard to sobriety, morality and decency are mere sentimentalists? of no account practically? or, do they mean, that they propose these disgraceful things, in defiance of all moral sentiment—they recommend them without regard to their vicious character—they will sanction them no matter how strong the people may oppose them? no matter how far the sentiment of the community is against them? We cannot give any other meaning to these words. If they have any other meaning, let us hear from the author of the report what it is.

“Without sentiment,” they “recommend that the Secretary be instructed to contract for liquor privilege,” etc. Do they mean that they must divest themselves of every sentiment of an honest manhood before they can do this vile thing? It looks as if that was about the meaning. We think the managers did it pretty effectually, when, with only one dissenting voice, they adopted that report.

ABSENTEES OF THAT MEETING.

The following members of the Board of Managers of the Baltimore Co., Fair were not present when the Secretary was instructed to contract for rumselling and gambling privileges on the Fair Grounds: C. Lyon Rogers, Wm. Hopps, John C. Bosley.

One man also among those present was morally strong enough to vote against this vile proposition. All honor to that man. We have not thus far been able to obtain his name.

OUR AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE and OUR EXPERIMENTAL STATION and POLITICS.

We propose to discuss this question in a future number and to show why we think these important institutions, designed to benefit the farmers, should not be made any part of the machinery for rewarding partisan politicians, or for party purposes. The farmers must not be silent, while their only government favors are rendered worthless to them.

MORE GOVERNMENT BOUNTIES.

The latest law raises the pension payments to beggars—oh, no! to those already in comfortable circumstances—to \$150,000,000 and upwards. This is to be ground out of the farmers.

Remember, too, the soldiers of the revolution 1776, or their descendants are a very few receiving pensions now—thousands of the war of 1812 are still receiving pensions—These hundreds of millions will not be confined to a few years; but none of the readers of today will live to see the end of it, if not repealed.

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CHICKENS IN THE CENTURY.

The article by Bobcock in the Century is not very remarkable to any one who is at all conversant with the literature on that subject; but is interesting as a grouping of the different breeds and the illustrations are exceedingly fine. It makes this May number very desirable for everyone who has a few chickens, or who, not knowing already the many popular varieties, would post himself on the subject.

NEW OPENING FOR CATTLE.

A special from the Agr. Dept., Washington, informs us that very favorable arrangements are perfecting at Newcastle, England, for the cattle trade with the United States. Consul Pugh has taken an active part in these matters and the promise is excellent for future transactions with this country. Those interested may address the Agr. Dept. on the subject.

MISERABLE POSTAL CARDS.

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are of such miserable quality that ordinary ink spreads upon them as soon as it touches them. They are not fit to be used, and the press should call attention to this subject. Everyone finds fault with them. Is the department so miserably poor that it cannot give the people a decent card upon which to write?

TARIFF ON TIN PLATE.

The imposition of additional tariff on tin plate will be a serious burden upon the canning interests of Maryland. Nearly one half of the canning industry belongs here. Baltimore and Harford County are the principal centres of the canning of our country. We earnestly hope that our representatives in congress will remember this fact and be governed by the manifest wishes of their constituents in their action.

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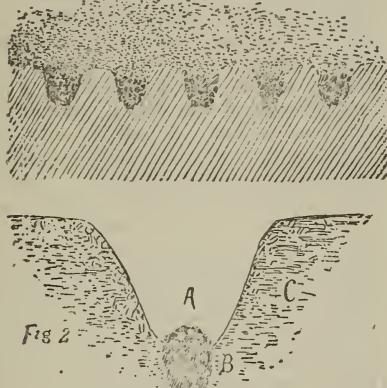
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CROSS SECTIONS OF FURROWS.

may render it more compact by pressing it together like mortar, and may harden it instead of rendering it looser and lighter, as intended. Or, the subsoiling may be incomplete and inefficient by the narrow furrow which it makes. The common plow which precedes it cuts a furrow a foot wide, and the subsoil plow, as often constructed, hardly six inches; and the result is that the subsoil is only broken into interrupted furrows with the hard, unbroken earth between them, as represented by the cross section, Fig. 1, where the upper and dotted portion is the mellow or broken soil, and the darker part below the unbroken earth.

A remedy for this defective work is to cut the common plow furrows only half a foot wide, which will break up all the hard ridges and reduce the whole bed of mellow soil to a state of fine pulverization. Care should be taken to pulverize perfectly the portion of the earth which the subsoil plow lifts and breaks up, and not merely to make it a line of clods, which would afford little or no aid to the plants with their long extending roots. Fig. 2 in the same cut represents a cross section of the previous furrow of the common plow, with the mass of broken earth in its bottom, which has been lifted in subsoiling, and before the next furrow slice has been thrown upon it. This figure shows also the coarse and cloddy nature of this loosened subsoil when the work has been inefficiently performed or at the wrong time. With all

these chances for subsoiling to be superficially or badly done, it is not surprising that so many farmers have found it of little or no benefit.

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HORIZONTAL ROOTS CUT AND BROKEN.

Plowing and harrowing may be worse than useless when the soil is either too wet or too dry. Care ought to be exercised in avoiding these extremes. Reported experiments from some of the experiment stations, which have pronounced frequent cultivation of corn and potatoes a positive injury, were merely giving the results of working in mud, or at best in soil packing hard under a surplus of water. Sometimes the crops have been damaged by cultivating them half a foot deep with the plow, which has torn and cut the horizontal roots, which extend much further from the young plants than the owner who is cutting them is aware.

In the second cut is shown the way in which the horizontal roots have been cut and broken.

Is the Bee a Friend of the Seed Grower?

Dr. Fisher expresses a doubt in Garden and Forest whether the bee is at best the enemy or the friend of the seed grower, as he is largely both, for without his work in carrying pollen the fruits of dioecious plants would not be fertilized, and without it, also, his mischief in mixing new varieties with inferior sorts would not be accomplished. It is true that he will give a dose of cucumber flavor to a crop of cantaloupes, if the two sorts of Cucurbitaceæ happen to be planted near neighbors; but, then, he offsets his bad work by producing new varieties which are sometimes of very great value. This work may be better and more wisely done by the horticultural philosopher, who acts designedly by combining size and hardiness on the

one side with delicacy and productive-
ness on the other. This form of lottery
has a few grand prizes, but a far greater
number of small ones and blanks; the
uncertainty of the drawing adds to the
interest of the investment. The farmer
oftener than the philosopher offers a
new variety which the little bee has
helped him to produce the year before,
and of which he has known nothing until
his eye has discovered the distinguished
stranger among his melons, cucumbers or
other ground fruits.

An Item in Butter Making.

The reason for not disturbing milk
when the cream is rising is a simple one.
The cooling of the milk causes currents
to form in the fluid, the final end of
which is to deposit the fats at the sur-
face. These little channels are of down-
ward and then upward movement. If
we disturb the pan or can, this newly in-
troduced agitation destroys these first
perpendicular movements and turns
them out of their direct course, and they
do not again attain to former directions,
but have an aimless course, and so the
fats are defeated from perfect rising.

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graceful proposals in reference to the Fair at
Timonium next September.

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advice was given: 1. Plant in well
drained land. 2. Set plants deep. 3.
Thorough cultivation. 4. Plow in fall,
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protection against winter killing. 5. Total
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Agricultural News.

The prospects are that California will
have a big wheat crop.

Much of the hay grown in California is
baled in the fields, many farmers keep-
ing baling machines of their own.

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enough feathers have been col-
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the shape out of bed ticking and stitch
closely all around the edges, with the
exception of a small opening left at the
top in which to put the feathers. Before
filling I turn the bag or case inside out
and rub what is now the right or out-
side of the bag well with common bar
soap, then put in the feathers, tie up the
hole in the bag and place it with its con-
tents in a clothes boiler and boil for a
few minutes, moving it about with a
stick and lifting it up and down. Finally,
I take it out, drain and squeeze out the
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1 pair half-strap hinges	.15
Nails, etc., and paint	.58
Total	\$10 00

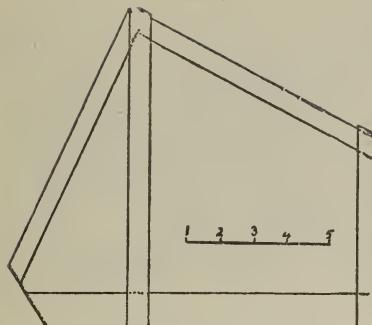


FIG. 1.—SIDE VIEW OF FRAME.

The fencing comes six inches wide, and the flooring about the same width. No posts are used in this plan, and the house is none the less strong. To construct it, first saw twenty of the fencing boards to 6 ft. long for the back of the house, and saw the waste ends of these to 2 ft. long. Rip one of the 12 in. wide boards into two 6 in. boards, one of which is for the base of the back of house, and the other is to be again ripped into two 3 in. strips, upon which nail the 2 ft. fencing pieces, leaving two pieces loose near each end for the doors. This forms the base for the front. The base of the whole house can now be nailed together, using two of the wide boards for the sides.

The front base slants outward (see Fig. 1). The frame is then constructed by erecting a long fencing board at three feet from the front end of each side base and a shorter one at rear end of each, as Fig. 1, which shows these boards trimmed to fit under the roof. These two sets of uprights are then connected by scantling for the roof, under the ends of these scantling fencing boards are nailed,

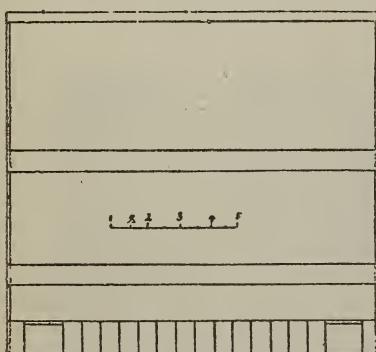


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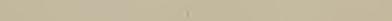
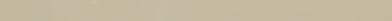
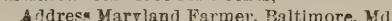
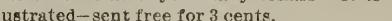
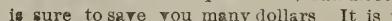
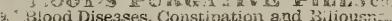
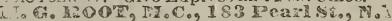
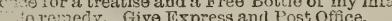
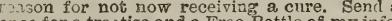
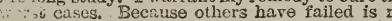
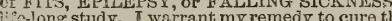
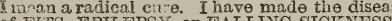
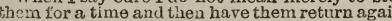
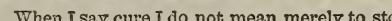
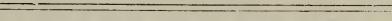
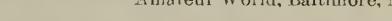
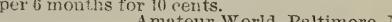
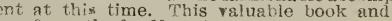
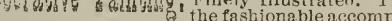
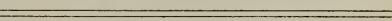
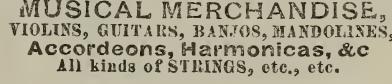
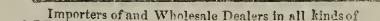
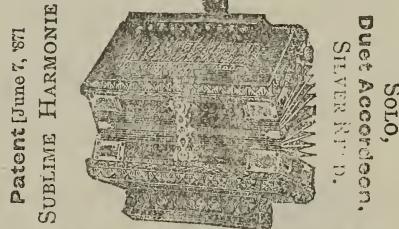
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which hold the third scantling in place to support the center of the roof. The top of the longest board is then connected with the front base by a fencing board, and two boards nailed across the front to support the sash. The whole frame is then complete.

Figs. 1 and 2 show the full details of the frame. The boards for back, sides and roof can then be nailed on, flooring boards being used for roof. When the sashes are adjusted in their proper places on the front, with strips of tin above them to turn water, flooring boards are sawn to proper length and fitted on. The ventilator is made with four flooring boards; its lower end is near the floor at center of house.

The remaining twelve inch board is for base of the partition, a narrower board for top and lath nailed on close, divides the house into two compartments for two pens of fowls, or a pen of fowls and room for young chicks, or two rooms for young

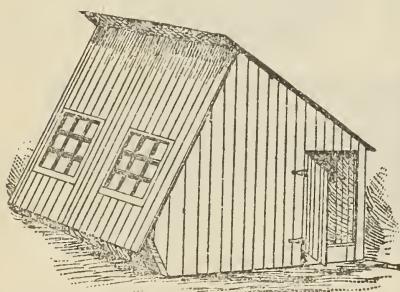


FIG. 3.—POULTRY HOUSE.

chicks of different ages. The cracks on sides and back of house are stripped with lath; the inside of house is lined with tar paper, and the roof and front painted with a cheap mineral paint, which renders the house waterproof as the boards are tongue and grooved. This makes it warm enough for almost any latitude. For the south the strips and tar paper might be dispensed with. The slant of sash is sufficient to shut out the perpendicular rays of the sun in summer and flood the whole floor with warmth in winter.

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It will readily be seen this plan can be extended an indefinite length by the addition of three posts every ten feet to support the roof.

ITEMS HERE AND THERE.

It is hinted in New York that agents of the French government are looking after supplies of wheat.

The Chicago Tribune says that receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth were 485 cars less for the first three days of this week than last.

BEES SWARMING.

POINTS TO BEE KEEPERS CONCERNING THE SWARMING SEASON—TWO POPULAR FORMS OF SWARMING APPARATUS DESCRIBED, WITH DIRECTIONS FOR THEIR APPLICATION.

That our readers may be quite ready for the swarming season we give in advance some items on swarming and its attendant clustering, along with suggestions about swarming apparatus, from "Gleanings in Bee Culture." Mentioned with other swarm catchers is the one used by A. E. Manum, an experienced apriarian. It has no patent on it and is illustrated in the accompanying cut.

It is simply a wire cloth cage fastened to a pole with two legs, so attached to the pole that they can be set out or in, something like a tripod. The lower end of the pole may be sharpened, to stick in the ground, in order to steady the catcher and to prevent it from being tipped forward by the weight of the bees. The head or cage is 10x10 inches square by $1\frac{1}{2}$ thick, and is covered on each side with wire cloth. It is made in two parts and hinged together, so as to open and close. When closed it is held together by a small hook. One of the parts of the head is fastened to the pole, forming a catcher, as may be imagined by referring to the cut.

The head is made of $\frac{3}{8}$ inch stuff, hence is very light. Mr. Manum usually

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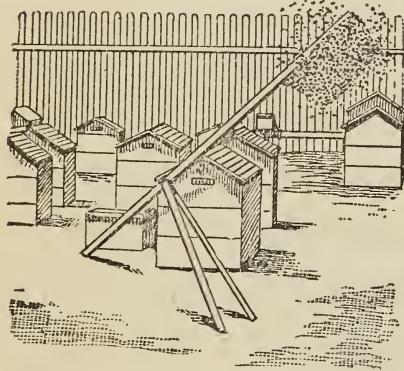
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The corn popper catcher is thus described by one who used it:



AN UNPATENTED SWARMING APPARATUS.

The lid of the popper was thrown back, and the popper itself was crowded up gently against the lower end of the cluster. The bees very soon rolled over each other until the popper was level full of them. The wire cloth top was thrown over and snapped shut. We did not know whether we had secured the queen or not. It did not matter much, for half or two-thirds of the cluster was confined in the popper, and the queen, if outside, together with the remaining bees, would cluster around their captive comrades. We thrust the handle down into the soft dirt near where the bees were flying quite thick, and the popper was thus supported a couple of feet from the ground, where the bees could get at them. We then left them for an hour or so. When we returned all the outside bees were clustered around the popper. They were now in such shape that we could carry them where we pleased and hive them

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In concluding the article gleaned from, the editor presents two ideas: First, if the queens are not clipped, the queen herself will usually be found on the outside of the cluster or near the bottom end. If, therefore, the corn popper cage or other receptacle be pushed gently against the lower end of the swarm, you are likely to secure not only the larger portion of the bees, but the queen also; and in this event your swarming is practically done. The other idea is this: After these wire cloth cages, such as the corn popper and Manum's arrangement, have been used a few times for catching swarms, they will acquire the scent of the laying queen and of former swarms. The catcher will, in consequence, be more readily accepted for clustering by succeeding swarms. In time these cages will have little bits of wax adhering to them, and these, also, form no small part of the attraction.

The White or Ox Eye Daisy.

The ox eye daisy is usually spread in grass seed, and whenever it appears, if not too numerous, every white blossom should be pulled out and destroyed before it ripens its seed. Another plan is to mow the grass early, before the daisy matures its seed.

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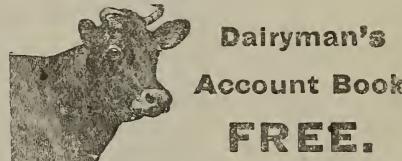
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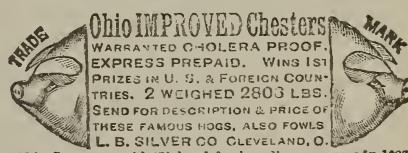
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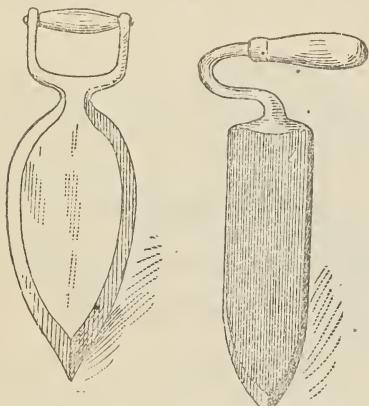
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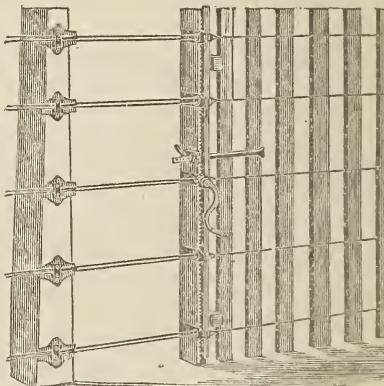
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